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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN QUESTION AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 149073

1. ON AUGUST 11 DCM CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD MESTIRI TO RAISE QUESTION OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS. DCM MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMPHASIZING: (A) USG BELIEF THAT CAMBODIAN PARTIES SHOULD WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE; (B) EXPRESSING HOPE THAT LUSAKA FORMULA BE FOLLOWED; AND (CA) SUGGESTING THAT IF KHMER REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE ACCEPED AT ALGIERS, THEN NEITHER PARTY SHOULD BE SEATED.

2. MESTIRI FOLLOWED POINTS ABOVE WITH CLOSE ATTENTION. IN REPLY, HE OBSERVED THAT GOT HAS THUS FAR RECOGNIZED NEITHER SIDE. HE ADDED THAT KHMER REPUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMING FROM PARIS TO TUNIS THAT SAME DAY TO PRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS. MESTIRI SAID THAT GOT WOULD CERTAINLY LISTEN BUT HE COULD NOT STATE WHAT GOT' POSITION WOULD BE AT ALGIERS. HE OPINED THAT PERHAPS LUSAKA FORMULA MIGHT BE BEST OPTION FOR CONFERENCE TO

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TAKE. IN ANY EVENT, FONMIN MASMOUDI WILL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY

AT ALGIERS TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION WILL BE APPROPRIATE.
MESTIRI CONCLUDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WOULD BE
GREATLY INFLUENCED BY WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING "ON THE
GROUND" IN CAMBODIA, OBSERVING THAT SIHANOUK'S FORCES SEEM TO
BE IN THE ASCENDANCY.

3. COMMENT: MESTIRI CHOSE HIS WORDS CAREFULLY, BUT IT WAS
OBVIOUS THAT LON NOL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO DO A LOT OF
PERSUADING TO GET TUNISIAN SUPPORT AT ALGIERS. SEELYE

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